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1. WE FIND PROGRESS ON MERGER OF US AND FRENCH RESOLUTIONS
ENCOURAGING. NEVERTHELESS, WE ARE NOT CERTAIN EXACTLY
WHAT ABANDONMENT OF "AVERAGE PRICE" CONCEPT MEANS IN TERMS
OF SPECIFIC TEXT OF COMBINED RESOLUTION. IS ENTIRE SUB-
PARA 2D OF FRENCH RESOLUTION DELETED? OR, IF AMENDED,
HOW IS IT AMENDED?

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2. WHAT IS SITUATION RE SUB-PARA 2F OF FRENCH RESOLUTION,

"PROVIDING OBJECTIVE BASIC DATA FOR THE NEGOTIATION OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS OR ARRANGEMENTS ON RAW MATERIALS"? WE OBJECT TO THIS SUB-PARA AS STATED IN ORIGINAL FRENCH RESOLUTION. WE COULD ACCEPT REFORMULATION ALONG LINES OF "PROVIDING OBJECTIVE BASIC DATA ON INTERNATIONALLY TRADED COMMODITIES AND RAW MATERIALS", DELETING ,FOR THE NEGOTIATION OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS OR ARRANGEMENTS ON RAW MATERIALS".

3. POSITION US DEL TOOK WITH RESPECT TO FINDING COMMODITY PRICES WHICH ARE NOW "SECRET" IS CORRECT; I.E. WE CAN ACCEPT A PROVISION WHICH WOULD REQUIRE EMINENT PERSONS BODY TO "RECOMMEND A SYSTEM AND MECHANISM TO DISCOVER UNKNOWN PRICES", BUT CANNOT ACCEPT A DIRECTIVE TO EMINENT PERSONS THAT THEY THEMSELVES UNDERTAKE TASK OF DISCOVERING UNKNOWN. FYI DEPARTMENT SERIOUSLY DOUBTS REALISTIC PRACTICABILITY ANY INTERNATIONAL BODY BEING ABLE OBTAIN COMMERCIAL SECRET DATA ON TRUE PRICES OF ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS, DISCOUNTS, REBATES, ETC. END FYI.

4. IN ORDER GIVE PRECISE INSTRUCTIONS RE VOTING STANCE, NEED TEXT OF COMBINED RESOLUTION.

5. SEPTEL FOLLOWS RE FRENCH RESOLUTION ON INTERSESSIONAL COMMITTEE. KISSINGER

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